RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PLLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There is some cultivation of wheat in some parts, especially in the Anjanad Valley. There is no tobacco cultivation.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know how it is stated that Mr. Britto Muthunayagom has submitted his report on the marketing of wheat, eggs and tobacco ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Because he has conducted the survey of wheat, eggs, tobacco and the other articles mentioned in the answer.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : In the absence of cultivation of tobacco in this State, may I know how he conducted the survey with regard to tobacco exportation and marketing ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI(*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The survey was not of the cultivation but of the consumption of tobacco in Travancore.

The Mahomedan Inspector of Schools.

51. ❋ **MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state why the office of the Mahomedan Inspector of Schools was reduced from the 1st grade to the 2nd grade ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : The post of the Mahomedan Inspector of Schools does not belong to any particular grade.

The grade of the post will be that of the Officer who for the time being does duty as Mahomedan Inspector.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know the grade of the former Mahomedan Inspector of Schools ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : He was in the first grade.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know the pay he was receiving at that time ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : He was in the first grade in the old pre-standardisation scale of Rs. 125—175.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know the special reason for the reduction of the grade now ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : The answer is that the grade has not been reduced. If a first grade teacher is appointed as Mahomedan Inspector, he will be in that grade. If a second grade teacher is appointed, he will be on that grade.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know the grade of the present Inspector?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : He is in the third grade under the standardisation scheme.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know the pay of the Arabic Munshi in an English school ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : It is Rs. 20—40.

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MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Sir, is it not disgraceful that the Mahomedan Inspector gets almost only the same pay as a subordinate under him?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The present Mahomedan Inspector is on the scale of Rs 40—70.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): What is the T. A. granted to the Mahomedan Inspector now?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag Director of Public Instruction*): According to the rates for which he is eligible.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Is it the same scale that was granted to the former Inspector or is it a special scale of T. A. that is granted to him now?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No special T. A. is granted, I presume.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): I think a special T. A. is given to him because his pay is reduced.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): To the best of my knowledge, there is no speccial T. A. given to him. But I will look into the matter if the question is put again.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the jurisdiction of the Mahomedan Inspector of Schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): He has to go over the whole State to inspect the teaching of Arabic.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether any representation was made by the present Mahomeden Inspector about the reduction of his scale?

PRESIDENT: According to the Director, there has been no reduction of grade. Some one is chosen either from the first grade, second grade or third grade, as the case may be; and when he is appointed as Inspector, he carries with him the same pay; and if the gentleman chosen as the Inspector happens to be a third grade teacher, he will continue on the third grade; if he is a second grade teacher, he will continue in the second grade; and if a first grade, he will continue as such.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): My information is that the pay of the Inspector is permanent and he is given the pay of the first grade teacher.

PRESIDENT: The pay of the Mahomedan Inspector has been fixed. That is your contention?

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT: Is it so?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir. The post was formerly in the grade of the first grade teachers. But Government revised this and ordered that the post should not be of any special grade. The grade will depend upon the officer doing the duty.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether the Government will consider the question of raising his scale of pay in view of the fact that he has to tour throughout the State and also in view of the fact of the status of the office?

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PRESIDENT: These are all suggestions.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know whether the member is aware that the Arabic Munshi of a High School gets Rs. 45 whereas the Mahomedan Inspector gets only Rs. 40?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The Mahomedan Inspector will in course of time get Rs. 70. He is on the Rs. 40-70 scale.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): I am asking whether the present Mahomedan Inspector is getting only Rs. 40 whereas the Arabic Munshi gets Rs. 45?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHANAN (*Ag. Direction of Public Instruction*): That may be, Sir.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know the qualifications of the Arabic Munshi and the present Mahomedan Inspector of schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Direction of Public Instruction*): The present Mahomedan Inspector has got a higher qualification than the Munshi.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know the exact qualification of the Mahomedan Inspector, Mr. K. Mahomed?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): He is a B. A. of the Aligarh University, with Arabic as his special subject.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I correct the member? He is an M. A. First Class of the Madras University in Arabic.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The member should correct himself. I am referring to Mr. Abdul Khadir, who is the present Inspector.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know the qualification of the former Mahomedan Inspector?

PRESIDENT: Are we going to dig into ancient history? What has that to do with the present officer? Let us deal with live facts and not with dead facts.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): May I know whether it is the Mahomedan Inspector of Schools or the Inspector of Mahomedan Schools?

PRESIDENT: There is a great deal of difference between the two.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): We have no officer known as the Inspector of Mahomedan Schools. The officer is known as the Mahomedan Inspector of Schools.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know whether there are other Inspectors belonging to the same grade of teachers as the Mahomedan Inspector?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): There are a number of Inspectors in the same grade.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Is it the policy of Government to appoint as Inspecting officers teachers of higher grade and not of the lower grade?

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MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): There is no such definite policy. We usually appoint teachers who have got some experience.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whether there is any other Inspector getting only Rs. 40 as the Mahomedan Inspector?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir; there are some Assistant Inspectresses.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) Getting Rs. 40?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Has the Director realised the anomaly of the Inspector getting an unusually lower pay than a teacher under him?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The Munshi is not under him. He is under the Headmaster of the School.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whether the Arabic Munshi is not subordinate to the Inspector?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The Arabic Munshi is not subordinate to the Inspector. He is working under the Headmaster of the School.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Has not the Mahomedan Inspector any control over the Arabic teacher in schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The Mahomedan Inspector inspects the teaching of Arabic and makes reports.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): In regard to appointments, and inspection of teaching of Arabic, has not the Mahomedan Inspector control over the Arabic Munshies?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): He has no administrative control.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Is there any Mahomedan teacher with adequate knowledge of Arabic who may be appointed as Mahomedan Inspector drawing a higher pay than the present Inspector?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): There may be one or two getting a higher pay.

Piece-work Staff of the Government Press.

52. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Always*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the sanctioned strength of the piece-work staff of the Government Press, both permanent and temporary, separately;

(*b*) whether the appointments in the piece-work establishment are pensionable ones; and

(*c*) on what basis the recruitment to this piece-work establishment is going to be made by the Public Service Commissioner?

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